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REMARKS

The Office Action of 10/20/2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

The title has been amended as requested.

REPLACEMENT SHEETS for drawing sheets 1, 2, 4 and 5, in which the blocks have been labeled as requested, are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-18 were rejected as being unpatentable over Noro in view of Eriksson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the present invention as presented recited, the second gain factor is based on a first gain factor *and* input parameters defining a *time variation* of the second gain factor. As a result, an output signal is substantially compensated for changes due to a change of the first gain factor.

The Office Action does not point to any such feature in Noro; nor is Noro believed to teach or suggest any such feature.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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